

**MINUTES
CORRECTIONS STANDARDS AUTHORITY MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011
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Teleconference meeting held at: 1515 S Street, Room 502-S, Sacramento, CA 95814

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The meeting commenced at 9:20 a.m.

Secretary Matthew Cate welcomed the Board Members to the April 14, 2011 Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) Special Session Teleconference Meeting.

Ms. Pargas called roll.

The following members were in attendance:

Secretary Cate
Mr. Kernan
Ms. Silva

Mr. Prieto
Mr. Baca
Ms. Penner

Ms. Arnold
Ms. Epps
Mr. Adams

Ms. Mello
Ms. McBrayer

ABSENCE OF BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Bates, Ms. Biondi, Ms. Campbell, Mr. Ingrassia, Ms. Minor, and Dr. Silbert had prior commitments. There was a quorum.

AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 10, 2011 MEETING MINUTES (AGENDA ITEM A)

This agenda item was presented by Charlene Aboytes. Approval of the March 10, 2011 Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) Board meeting minutes was required in order to complete the rulemaking process for the emergency amendments to the AB 900 2007 Local Jail Construction Funding Program regulations.

The AB 900 2007 Local Jail Construction Funding Program regulations were effective in November 2008. At that time, there was no statutory authority for the design-build process. Assembly Bill 1628 amended the Government Code to allow counties to utilize this construction method and the construction funding regulations have been revised reflecting this change.

The CSA Board approved the draft emergency revisions to these regulations at a special session in November 2010. The regulations were submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) and a 45-day public comment period and a public hearing took place. There were no public comments and there have been no further modifications to the regulations. At the March 2011 meeting, the Board approved the emergency amendments to the regulations and authorized CSA staff to submit the emergency amendments to the OAL.

The rulemaking file must be submitted to the OAL no later than May 2, 2011 and must include Board meeting minutes approving these regulations. With this approval, it is anticipated that these regulations will be effective by June 1, 2011.

Staff recommended the Board approve the March 10, 2011 CSA Board meeting minutes.

A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Ms. McBrayer and seconded by Ms. Arnold. The motion carried.

There was no public comment.

ALLOCATION OF UNSPENT DISCRETIONARY JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT FUNDING (AGENDA ITEM B)

This agenda item was presented by Colleen Stoner. At the recommendation of the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP), this agenda item requested permission to grant unspent discretionary Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funds that remain on an annual basis to the local entities meeting the federal funding threshold to receive direct allocations.

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Program (JABG) is administered at the federal level by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. California receives approximately \$4.6 million annually in JABG funding. 75% of the funding is directly allocated to recipients as determined by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention through a formula based on crime statistics. 5% of the funding is categorized as administrative and 20% is designated discretionary funding.

A portion of the discretionary funding is set-aside to serve JABG eligible recipients who have not received a direct allocation and/or to promote a statewide initiative. The remaining portion, as well as all accrued interest earned, may be used on juvenile justice efforts as determined by the state.

JABG discretionary funding is currently supporting three initiatives. These projects include \$1.1 million in funding for the statewide implementation of evidence based Anger Management and

Youth Violence Prevention training opportunities as part of Governor Schwarzenegger's gang initiative. The second initiative is the Best Practices Approach Initiative which includes \$1.7 million in funding to provide statewide evidence based training and intensive consultative services to three counties seeking assistance with full transition to an evidence based continuum. The third project is the Evidence Based Practices Project which has \$1.8 million in funding to support probation departments that are prepared to participate in a two-year systems change approach in implementing or expanding the use of evidence based practices within their local juvenile justice communities.

Despite these activities, and in addition to the 36 to 40 direct allocation projects that CSA administers annually, some discretionary JABG funding will remain unspent.

The accrual rate of JABG funding is difficult to predict in advance and historically it has exceeded the resources available for developing new projects and initiatives prior to the expiration of the funding. When this occurs, unspent funds revert to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. We would like to avoid this and plan for expending these funds by forwarding unspent discretionary dollars to the local entities in their annual allocation.

At the present level of funding, excess discretionary funds remain for JABG related activities beyond those that are currently underway or planned in the future. It is expected that this will be the case for the next several years even as new additional projects and initiatives are developed and implemented with the discretionary funding.

JABG fiscal planning is not an exact science and it may never be perfectly executed but we can get better at it and closer to efficient management by utilizing in some of the flexibility afforded to us through discretionary funding. It makes sense to avoid reverting funds to Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention by forwarding the dollars that cannot be utilized through traditional grant projects and initiatives to the locals who already have been identified as qualifying for the funding. This method of allocating discretionary funding is practiced by other states and is approved by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Staff recommended approval of the State Advisory Committee's recommendation that unspent discretionary JABG funding that remains on an annual basis may be granted to the local entities meeting the federal funding threshold to receive direct allocations.

Secretary Cate asked how many entities would receive the funds to which Ms. Stoner answered it would be from 36 to 40 for a total of \$1.3 for which they would not have to reapply.

Ms. McBrayer noted that the money expires and it is crucial that the money is retained in California for the local entities.

A motion to approve the staff recommendations was made by Ms. McBrayer and seconded by Ms. Silva. The motion carried.

Ms. Penner abstained from the vote.

There was no public comment.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in Sacramento, CA.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Originally signed by

ROSA PARGAS
Secretary
Corrections Standards Authority

ROSTER OF PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE

CSA Board Members

Mr. Cate, Secretary, CDCR
Mr. Kernan, Undersecretary, CDCR
Ms. Silva, Administrator, Juvenile Justice, CDCR
Mr. Prieto, Yolo County Sheriff's Department
Mr. Baca, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Ms. Penner, Fresno County Probation Department
Ms. Arnold, Tuolumne County Probation Department
Ms. Epps, San Bernardino County Probation Department
Mr. Adams, Yuba County Sheriff's Department
Ms. Mello, Correctional Officer, CDCR
Ms. McBrayer, The Children's Initiative

CSA Staff

Debbie A. Rives, Executive Director (A)
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Colleen Stoner, Field Representative, CPP
Kara Houston, Attorney, CDCR Legal